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	The Bank of Commerce, Sioux City, Iowa	
	$1.00 Feb. 1, 1858	Good
	The Sioux City Bank and Bank Co.	
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	The Western Exchange Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Sioux City	
6021	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1858	Poor
6017	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1858	Poor
4355-5	$1.00 ———	Poor
5966	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1858	Fair
	The Bank of Dubuque, Dub County	
1798	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1857	Good
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1800	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1857	Fair
1802	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1857	Fair
1800	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1857	Good
1807-6	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1857	Good
1807-2	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1857	Poor
1813	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1857	
	The Dubuque Dollar Bank Dubuque, Iowa	
1401	$1.00 ———	Fair
1729-5	$1.00 ———	Fair
1729-3	$1.00 ———	Good
1403	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1857	Fair
1396-4	$1.00 ———	Fair
1396	$1.00 ———	Good
1400	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1857	Fair
4435-2.	$2.00 May 1 1857	Good
	The Dubuque Dollar Bank, Dubuque, Iowa	
1400	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1857	Fair
	The Dubuque Bank and Bank Co.	
2007	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1857	Fair
	Dubuque Bank of Iowa Dubuque	
1627	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1857	Fair
2661-1	[illegible] ———	Fair
2661-2	$1.00 ———	Fair
	~~$1.00~~ ———	
	The Bank of Iowa, Iowa City	
2629	$1.00 Nov. 1, 1857	Fair
2617-3	$1.00 Nov. 25, 1857	Good
LUETH	$1.00 OCT. 1, 1857	GOOD
"	$3.00 NOV. 15, 1857	GOOD
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Nebraska-44 3.00 Same vignettes and GREEN overprint as Nebraska-40. Letter A. (Wismer No. 27) Rarity 2.

ENTIRE ISSUE:
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Nebraska-48 3.00 (L) Basket filled with ears of corn (C) Man and boy herding cattle and sheep, as couple look on (R) Female holding flowers. Overprint, lower center, made up of words 'Three Dollars' and figure 3 repeated in minute form many times, all in green. Letter A. (Wismer No. 34) Rarity 5.

Nebraska-49 5.00 All vignettes are identical to preceding 3.00 (Nebraska-48). Has large figure 5 in upper R corner, numeral V in upper L corner. Overprint, lower center, made up of word 'Five', figure 5 and numeral V repeated in minute form many times, all in green. Letter A. (Wismer No. 36) Rarity 7.

Green Overprint with ILLINOIS Issue

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Nebraska-57 3.00 Same as Nebraska-48, but with overprint in orange. Letter A. (Wismer No. 35) Rarity 8.

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(a) By "National Bank Note Company."
(b) Has printed date of Dec. 12, 1860, in all varieties.
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(d) Probable original sheet arrangement: $1 (A) (B); 2 (A) and 3 (A), with separate and very limited issue of 5 (A).

TREASURER OF DE SOTO CITY

Nebraska-59 2.00 An all printed note; no vignettes. Specimen seen read, "Will pay to C. C. Nehlin, or bearer, Two Dollars. Has printed date of 185-, balance written in; specimen seen dated November 3, 1862, with printed figure 5 crossed out. Has black printing on thin, gray paper. Has no lithographer's imprint. Signed by C. C. Davis, Mayor and H. Castetter, Recorder. No plate letter. Rarity 10.

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Nebraska-60 1.00 (L) Female holding bouquet (C) Seated farmer in foreground, others working field in background (R) Indian on ledge overlooking city. Letter A. (Wismer No. 38) Rarity 3.

Nebraska-61 2.00 (L) Two girls carrying grain (C) Sailor and ship at L of large shield, man with pick at R thereof (R) Indian maiden looking at white girl with flag and shield. Letter A. (Wismer No. 39) Rarity 3.

Nebraska-62 3.00 (L) Portrait of Daniel Webster (C) Two females seated on opposite sides of shield, which has inscription, "Prosperity & Liberty" (R) Female holding divider. Letter A. (Wismer No. 40) Rarity 3.

Nebraska-63 5.00 (L) Portrait of Henry Clay (C) Large steamboat, smaller ones in background (R) Portrait of George Washington. Letter A. (Wismer No. 41) Rarity 3.

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(a) By "Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, New York" and "New England Bank Note Co., Boston."
(b) Has printed date of 1857, balance written in; all specimens seen had May 1, 1857 date.
(c) Has written in serial numbers.
(d) Has large block type letters indicating denomination, in red-brown overprint, penetrating, in lower center, O N E on the 1.00, T W O on the 2.00, etc.
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* After this bank failed, its unused notes were altered into other bank names and locations, including: Belvidere Bank of Belvidere, N. J.; Railroad Bank of Decatur, Ill.; Peoples Bank of New York City, N. Y.; Vermont Bank of Montpelier, Vt.; Traders Bank of Providence, R. I.; Traders Bank of Newport, R. I. Traders Bank of Boston, Mass.; Granite Bank of Boston, Mass. and the State Bank of Boston, Mass.

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ENTIRE ISSUE:

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(b) Has printed date of December 1, 1857.
(c) Type of serial numbers; not known.
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L I N C O L N

THE CITY OF LINCOLN

Nebraska-71 1.00 OBVERSE: (L) Figure 1 in irregular oblong shaped counter, with identical word ONE and counters at top and bottom thereof, all making up wide border at L (C) ONE - 1 - DOLLAR (R) Oval vignette of female holding lightning in her hand. Wide ornate border around entire note. REVERSE: Oval portrait of Lincoln in center, surrounded by four ornate designs, with words "The City Of" above and "Lincoln" below Lincoln's portrait. Also ONE at L and DOLLAR at R of portrait; entire reverse in green. (scrip) Rarity 5.

Nebraska-72 2.00 OBVERSE: (L) Farmer resting arm on scythe in foreground, another working in field in background (C) TWO DOLLARS over large 2 (R) Small portrait of Lincoln facing to L. Wide ornate border around entire note. REVERSE: Very large 2 at both L and R, each in identical ornate circular design (C) Design has words "The City Of" above and "Two Dollars" below round vignette of Civil War soldier and horse superimposed over very large word "LINCOLN"; entire reverse in green. (scrip) Rarity 5.

ENTIRE ISSUE:

(a) By "Continental Bank Note Co., New York."
(b) Has printed date of 187--; no specimens seen had written in part of date filled out.
(c) Has red printed serial numbers.
(d) Is an order on "The Treasurer of The City of Lincoln", with signature space provided for Mayor and Clerk.
(e) Has no plate letters.
(f) Original sheet arrangement: Not known.

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N E B R A S K A C I T Y

McCANN & METCALF, BANKERS

Nebraska-~~73~~ 79 1.00 (L) Man standing, holds grain (C) Spread eagle (R) Dog, safe and large figure 1. Note reads, "Will Pay to the Bearer, On Demand, FIVE DOLLARS, IN MISSOURI CURRENCY, when five of these Checks are presented." Also, "Whole Issue $200.00", printed in upper margin. No printer's imprint. Has printed date of May 30, 1861. (scrip) Rarity 12.

BEUTER & CO. *

Nebraska-~~74~~ 80 25 Cents. (L) Indian maiden and white girl standing together. (R) Dog and safe, both very small vignettes. Note reads, "Good for Twenty-Five Cents in Merchandise." Written signature only of "Beuter & Co." in lower margin. Not dated. By "News Print". Approx. size, 2 5/8" x 4¼". (scrip) Rarity 12.

N D. WHITINGER *

Nebraska-~~75~~ 81 50 Cents. (L) Indian maiden and white girl standing together (R) Dog and safe; all vignettes identical to those on preceding note. Note reads, "Good for Fifty Cents in Merchandise." Written signature of "D. Whitinger" in lower margin. Not dated. By "News Print". Approx. size, 2 5/8" x 4½. (scrip) Rarity 12.

* The preceding two notes are in the Nebraska State Historical Society Collection at Lincoln, Nebr. and were gifts of Julian Metcalf, pioneer Nebraska City banker, 1857-1922. Verification of their origin at Nebraska City is contained in a letter dated Oct. 22, 1933, from Mr. Metcalf's son, Horace, at which time the notes were presented to the Nebraska State Historical Society. This letter from Los Angeles, Calif. is now in this Society's possession.

THE PLATTE VALLEY BANK

This bank was another of the five chartered at the second territorial session in January, 1856, after removal of the restrictive code prohibiting banks. This was one of the five banks on which there was no evidence of Iowa ownership.

While its incorporation was being considered, an amendment was attempted to its charter which read as follows: "Said bank shall not issue more than two dollars for one deposited, and shall not pay or loan out of its specie for any other purposes than for the redemption, of its own notes." But this clause and several other safeguarding ones were tabled at the last minute and the bank was given the same unrestricted treatment as all the others.

This was without doubt one of the least speculative banks in Nebraska at that time. It never had more than $3000. in circulation notes outstanding at one time. In April, 1858 its currency was quoted at par, a very uncommon experience for Nebraska banks after the 1857 debacle. August Kountze, the wealthy Omaha banker, is said to have had an interest in this bank.

The soundness of this bank, in contrast to the average contemporary bank of those days, perhaps can best be illustrated by the fact that the Platte Valley Bank followed the practice of burning all circulating notes brought in for redemption. Other banks returned such notes back into circulation to anyone who would accept them, with all possible haste.

When this bank voluntarily suspended operations about 1860, every note presented to it was promptly redeemed, and no loss was sustained by anyone.

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NEBRASKA-80 25 Cents. (L) Indian maiden and white girl standing together (R) Dog and safe, both very small vignettes. Note reads, "Good for Twenty-Five Cents in Merchandise." Not dated. By "News Print." Approx. size, 2 5/8" x 4½". Written signature only of "Beuter & Co." in lower R corner. (scrip) Rarity 12.

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D. WHITINGER, NEBRASKA CITY

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TREASURER OF NEBRASKA CITY

NEBRASKA-82 1.00 No description available.

NEBRASKA-83 2.00 OBVERSE: (L) Deer gazing at valley below, directly beneath small 2 (C) Early train at station, passengers preparing to board it, with identical figure 2 at L and R thereof (R) Farm maiden with basket-maiden with basket, feeding chickens, directly beneath small 2. Note reads, "Good For All Debts Due the City, except School and Sinking Fund." Has printed date of A. D. 1872, balance of date not completed on specimen seen. Has green signature panel for Mayor and Clerk. Serial number printed in RED. Entire border in GREEN, By "American Bank Note Co. New York." REVERSE: Large 2 in center of ornate circular design, with identical irregular shaped designs to L and R thereof. Entire reverse printed in GREEN. (scrip) Rarity 12.

N E M A H A C I T Y

C. E. L. HOLMES OF NEMAHA CITY

NEBRASKA-84 5.00 (L) Seated female with sheaf of grain (C) Tiny vignette of dog (R) Indian with gun, overlooking cliff. Note reads,

in Burt County" whereas this institution has been incorporated as "The Bank of Tekama in Burt County, Nebraska territory." But under one name or another there was nothing to be gained from a firm operating without specie. More than $2000. of this bank's currency was found in the vaults of the district court of Omaha years later, all of it brought in to show the worthlessness of the money presented as evidence in court cases.

Nebraska-~~147~~ 150 1.00 (L) Two Indians on edge of cliff overlooking city, directly beneath figure 1 in rounded counter (Upper C) Seated female with wand at L and seated Indian with battle axe at R of pictorial shield (R) Kneeling hunter drinking from stream with cupped hand, directly beneath figure 1 in irregular shaped counter. Letter A. (Wismer No. 77) Rarity 3.

151 Nebraska-~~148~~ 1.00 Same, but with Letter B. Rarity 3.

152 Nebraska-~~149~~ 2.00 (L) Train rounding bend (Upper C) Cattle and sheep in pasture (R) Oval partial vignette of female, Justice, seated. Letter A. (Wismer No. 78) Rarity 3.

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Nebraska-150 153 5.00 (L) Portrait of Pres. Buchanan (Upper C) Large spread eagle on flag shield and rock, navigation scenes in background (R) Reclining female seated Letter A. (Wismer No. 80) Rarity 3.

ENTIRE ISSUE:

(a) By "Baldwin, Bald & Cousland, New York" and "Bald, Cousland & Co., Philadelphia."
(b) Has printed date of 18---; balance written in; specimens seen had written in date of Sept. 1, 1857.
(c) Has blue printed serial numbers.
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